Mejia Thermal Power Project

*112. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the ansswer to Starred Question 287 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 1986 and state the stage at which the 1260 MW Thermal Power Project at Mejia in West Bengal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): According to the Damodar Valley Corporation which is implementing the project, about 702.5 hectares of land have been acquired, and the infrastructural facilities required for the project are being set up. Also, orders for the steam generator and turbine generator have been placed on M/s. BHEL.

Public Sector contribution in Seventh five year Plan

*113. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of the public sector in the Seventh Five Year Plan was envisaged at 53 per cent and whether during the period of first three years of the Plan the target has been achieved;

(b) whether Government have considered the causes for the shortfall in the said contribution by the public sector units; and

(c) what steps have been taken to achieved the objective of 53 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) According to an assessment of Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission, the contribution of the entire public sector (including departmental undertakings like Railways, Telecommunication, Major Ports, Damodar Valley Corporation etc.) in the 7th Plan was envisaged at 53 per cent of the total outlay of central sector. During the period of first three years of the Plan, the target of 53 per-cent for the public sector as a whole has not been achieved.

(b) The causes for the shortfall in the said contribution by the public sector units are manifold and very from unit to unit depending upon their specific problems. However, in general, the reasons are low production and productivity due to old plant and machinery obsolete technology, excess manpower etc., market recession in some cases higher costs power shortage and frequent breakdown.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to improve functioning of public sector units include close monitoring of their performance at various levels and holding of periodic performance review meetings by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments and taking appropriate steps to remove bottlenecks if any; structural reorganisation like formation of holding companies; technology upgradation; modernisation and rehabilitation of plant and equipment; adoption of improved maintenance practicies; delegation of more powers; inventory control; product diversification and improvement in product mix-training and retraining of personnel; emphasis on cost control and cost reduction and encouragement of workers participation in management.

Installation of computer in Supreme Court

*115. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal any computer in the Supreme Court of India and computerise the data regarding the pending cases which are to be disposed of; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the step; taken in this regard the outcome thereof?